

## AGENCY ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS

## **News Release**

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## Medicare open enrollment period begins October 15 to December 7

LĪHU'E – The Agency on Elderly Affairs is announcing that the Medicare open enrollment period begins Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

New Medicare cards will be issued containing a unique, randomly-assigned number that replaces the current Social Security-based number.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will begin mailing the new cards to people with Medicare benefits in April 2018 to meet the statutory deadline for replacing all existing Medicare cards by April 2019.

If you need assistance on selecting a Medicare plan or have any questions on Medicare, please contact the County's Agency on Elderly Affairs at 241-4470 or stop by the office located at 4444 Rice St. Suite 330, open Monday to Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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